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In re Patent Application of:

Benjamin Chain

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For: CHIMERIC PEPTIDES AS IMMUNOGENS, ANTIBODIES THERETO, AND METHODS

FOR IMMUNIZATION USING CHIMERIC

PEPTIDES OR ANTIBODIES

Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action for the above-identified application that was mailed by the USPTO on June 16, 2006. Because July 16, 2006 was a Sunday, the period to reply to the Office Action is extended to July 17, 2006.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant elects examination of invention Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to peptides. This election is made without traverse.

It is noted that invention Groups I (claims 1-12) and II (claims 13-15) are related as compound and or compositions and methods of using such compounds and compositions.

Accordingly, upon allowance of the Group I claims, Applicant may as a matter of right request rejoinder of Group II claims that depend from allowed Group I claims or otherwise include all the

features and limitations of the allowed claims. Applicant reserves the right to request such rejoinder.

This Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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